

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for allowing a portable digital imaging device to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described as a second type, the method comprising:

(a) receiving the attachment and the email message from a sender;

(b) receiving the first type from the digital imaging device;

(c) determining whether the first type is the same as the second type prior to sending the attachment to the portable digital imaging device;

(d) providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is the same as the second type; and

(e) refusing to provide the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is not the same as the second type; and

(f) establishing communication to the portable imaging device prior to the determining step (c)

~~wherein the determining step (a) is performed after communication is established with the portable digital imaging device in step (d).~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the email message further includes a header indicating the second type of the attachment and wherein the determining step ([a]c) further includes:

([a]c) reading the header to determine the second type.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the header includes a name and the second type designation and wherein the reading step ([a]c1) further includes:

([a]c1i) reading the header to determine the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the determining step ([a]c) further includes:

([a]c2) utilizing the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation to determine whether the first type is the same as the second type.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for allowing a portable digital imaging device to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the method comprising:

(a) determining whether the first type is the same as the second type prior to sending the attachment to the portable digital imaging device;

(b) providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is the same as the second type; wherein the first type further includes a first preference and wherein the attachment providing step (b) further includes:

(b1) determining whether a second preference of the attachment is the same as the first preference if the first type is the same as the second type;

(b2) modifying the attachment to provide a modified attachment having a third preference if the first type is the same as the second type and if the first preference is different from the second preference, the third preference being provided from the first preference and being the same as the second preference;

(b3) providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first preference is the same as the second preference; and

(b4) providing the modified attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first preference is not the same as the second preference; ~~and~~

(c) refusing to provide the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is not the same as the second type; and

(d) establishing communication to the portable imaging device prior to the determining step (a)

~~wherein the determining step (a) is performed after communication is established with the portable digital imaging device in step (d).~~

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the portable digital imaging device further includes a digital camera.

8. (Currently Amended) A server for communicating with and allowing a portable digital imaging device to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the server comprising:

at least a first server ~~process~~module for receiving a plurality of email messages, the plurality of email messages capable of including the email message; and

a screening unit, communicatively coupled with the at least the first server process, for managing the email message, the screening unit for determining whether the first type is the same as the second type prior to sending the attachment to the portable digital imaging device, providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is the same as the second type and refusing to provide the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is not the same as the second type;

wherein the screening unit determines whether the first type is the same as the second type after the server establishes communication with the portable digital imaging device and the server receives the first type from the portable digital imaging device.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Original) The server of claim 8 wherein the email message further includes a header indicating the second type of the attachment and wherein the screening unit determines whether the first type is the same as the second type by reading the header to determine the second type.

11. (Original) The server of claim 10 wherein the header includes a name and the second type designation and wherein the screening unit reads the header to determine the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation.

12. (Original) The server of claim 11 wherein the screening unit utilizes the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation to determine whether the first type is the same as the second type.

13. (Previously Presented) A server for communicating with and allowing a portable digital imaging device to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the server comprising:

at least a first server process for receiving a plurality of email messages, the plurality of email messages capable of including the email message; and

a screening unit, communicatively coupled with the at least the first server process, for managing the email message, the screening unit for determining whether the first type is the same as the second type prior to sending the attachment to the portable digital imaging device, providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is the same as the second type and refusing to provide the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is not the same as the second type;

wherein the screening unit determines whether the first type is the same as the second type after the server establishes communication with the portable digital imaging device;

wherein the first type further includes a first preference and wherein the screening unit further determines whether a second preference of the attachment is the same as the first preference if the first type is the same as second type, modifies the attachment to provide a modified attachment having a third preference if the first type is the same as the second type and if the first preference is different from the second preference, the third preference being provided from the first preference and being the same as the second preference, provides the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first preference is the same as the second preference and provides the modified attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first preference is not the same as the second preference.

14. (Original) The server of claim 8 wherein the portable digital imaging device further includes a digital camera.

15. (Previously Presented) A server for communicating with and allowing a portable digital imaging to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the server comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of email messages, the plurality of email messages capable of including the email message; and

means for managing the email message, the managing means further including means for determining whether the first type is the same as the second type prior to sending the attachment to the portable digital imaging device, means for providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is the same as the second type and means for refusing to provide

the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is not the same as the second type

wherein the managing means determines whether the first type is the same as the second type after the server establishes communication with the portable digital imaging device and the server receives the first type from the portable digital imaging device.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium including a program for allowing a portable digital imaging to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the program including instructions for:

(a) receiving the attachment and the email message from a sender;

(b) receiving the first type from the digital imaging device;

(c) determining whether the first type is the same as the second type prior to sending the attachment to the portable digital imaging device;

(d) providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is the same as the second type; and

(e) refusing to provide the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is not the same as the second type;

(f) establishing communication to the portable imaging device prior to the determining instructions (c) being performed;

~~wherein the determining instructions (a) are performed after communication is established between the portable digital imaging device and a sender of the email message in instructions (d).~~

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